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Re: Serial No.: 09/224,027
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BEFORE MAILING DATE OF FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION [37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4)]

This supplemental information disclosure statement is submitted pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4) before the mailing of the first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Applicant is submitting herewith the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Applicant believes no additional fee is due. However, if an additional fee is due the Commissioner it is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 10-0447.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each of the cited references, indicate such consideration by initialing each reference on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) and return a copy of the same with the next communication to the Applicant. For the convenience of the Examiner in considering the references, copies of the cited references are enclosed with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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